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UTILISATION OF SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain private sector telecom companies are not able to make full use of the spectrum allocated to them earlier;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of such companies;

(c) whether the said companies have again applied for allocation of spectrum ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any policy has been formulated for the allocation of more spectrum to such companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (f) Initial spectrum has been allotted to the mobile telecom service providers as per provisions of their respective Service Licence Agreements. All operators have been advised to use latest technology solutions for efficient and optimum utilization of the allotted spectrum.

Further in order to ensure optimal and efficient use of allotted spectrum,necessary criteria for allotment of additional spectrum, beyond the initial allotment, have been worked out/reviewed from time to time, taking into account various related factors.

The additional spectrum is allotted as per the request of the service provider,taking into account the subscriber based eligibility criteria and also subject to availability of spectrum.